

I urge Commissioner Michael Powell to delay a vote on the proposed rule change to allow more time for public debate. Mr. Powell has disregarded a request by a bipartisan group of senators for further time to discuss the impact of this change. Mr. Powell won't even release the language of the proposed rule change. This is totally unacceptable - this matter must be truly opened to public debate by an informed populace. It is no small matter to further consolidate control of the airwaves into fewer and fewer hands. There is very little opportunity for alternative voices to be heard as is. Further consolidation of control of the airwaves will only further weaken our already weakened democracy.